

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2047 - SB 1785

February 28, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases the evidentiary standard for rebutting the presumption that a work injury was caused by alcohol or drug abuse from a preponderance of the evidence to clear and convincing evidence.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, the number of employees requesting assistance from the Department for workers' compensation claims should remain at approximately the same number. As a result, no fiscal impact to state government.
- Local governments will not experience a significant decrease in liability for workers' compensation claims as a result of the higher evidentiary standard.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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James W. White, Executive Director

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